

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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) Group Art Unit: 3726
) Examiner: Eric Compton
) Confirmation No. 6933
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2003, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 54-66, 72-80 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.